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SUBJECT: THAI RICE FOR CAMBODIA

FOR STATE/ AID

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 5360 B. PHNOM PENH 4441

1. EMBASSY QUIERED CHUMPHON DHAMCHARRE, DEPUTY DIR- GEN, DEPT. FOREIGN TRADE IN MIN. OF COMMERCE ON SUBSTANCE REF A. FOLLOWING ARE CHUMPHON' S COMMENTS:

2. KOY SAROEUN HAS MET WITH CHUMPHON ON TWO OCCASIONS ON SUBJECT OF RICE EXPORTS TO CAMBODIA. BOTH TIMES HE PRESENTED HIMSELF AS AUTHORIZED BY GKR TO PURCHASE RICE AND GAVE AS PROOF A COPY OF THE LETTER DESCRIBED REF B PARA 2. CHUMPHON, REALIZING THE LETTER WAS FROM EX- MINISTER OF FINANCE NO LONGER IN THE GKR, STRESSED THAT THE RTG WILL NEGOTIATE ONLY WITH OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF GKR, AND CURRENTLY THAT IS LY KIM HENG, SONEXIM.

3. CHUMPHON SPOKE FRANKLY WITH EMBOFF IN STATING HE HAD NEVER GIVEN KOY ANY INDICATION THAT RTG WOULD SELL RICE TO HIM. WHEN THE AMOUNT 40,000 TONS WAS MENTIONED, CHUMPHON ASSURED EMBOFF THAT HE KNEW OF NO POSSIBLE WAY IN WHICH THAT AMOUNT COULD BE EXPORTED FROM THAILAND ON
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AN IMMEDIATE BASIS. CHUMPHON ALSO STATED PRICE MENTIONED
REF A IS BELOW PRESENT MARKET PRICE.

COMMENT: BASED ON ABOVE AND PAST EMBASSY INQUIRY, BELIEVE
REPORTED OFFER IS NOT REALISTIC AND NOT LIKELY TO BE UNTIL
SECOND CROP IS HARVESTED, IF THEN.

4. CHARGE, ON MAY 27 SPOKE INFORMALLY WITH ASA SARASIN,
SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER, IN CONTINUING EFFORT TO
IMPRESS ON RTG URGENT NEED TO SELL RICE TO CAMBODIA.
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